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“BECAUSE THE ARMY DID SO MUCH FOR ME”



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When Tarun Ghosh left his homeland of India in 1969 to start a new life in Germany, he could not have guessed that he would spend the rest of his working life, and beyond, with the U.S. Army.

“He came to Germany first, from Buenos Aires, where he worked for a German company,” said his wife Sunanda. “I followed in 1974.”

The Ghosh’s apartment in Frankfurt is a very simple and welcoming place. In several decades of living in Germany’s banking city,

the couple has not collected many earthly goods. But generosity and hospitality is written all over their biographies, starting with a cup of good genuine Indian tea from the genuine Indian store down the street.

Not long after settling in Augsburg, Ghosh found employment with the U.S. Corps of Engineers in Frankfurt. Having joined ranks with him, Sunanda initially took up a volunteer opportunity with the library at the U.S. Army post in Frankfurt, which existed until the early 90s. That was the first stop for a permanent job with the U.S. Army.

Ghosh retired after working with

the Corps of Engineers and later with the Housing Office for 26 years. For most people, this would be the end of the story on a dedicated working life. For Ghosh, it was just a new beginning.

In December, Lt. Col. Timothy R. Wulff, U.S. Army Garrison Wiesbaden commander, presented Ghosh with a Certificate of Appreciation for Patriotic Civilian Service to thank him for 8,000 hours of volunteer service to the Army. The award presentation took place in a Frankfurt hospital. Several weeks ago Ghosh was diagnosed with cancer.

“He started working for me in the Central Processing Facility in

1998,” said Mike Martin, Wiesbaden Central Processing Facility director. “He was running the official mail, he was taking care of the Soldiers’ bags and whatever needed to be done.”

When asked what motivated him to donate the breathtaking amount of 8,000 volunteer hours to the U.S. Army, Ghosh’s wife Sunanda came to his help as he was too weak and overwhelmed by emotion to speak.

“He always said, the U.S. Army did so much for me and my family; they gave me a job and took care of me; I will serve them the rest of my life.”

“Keep us in your prayers,” Sunanda said. “We need it.”

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COMMUNITY NEWS

NEWS NOTES

Chinese buffet

Enjoy a dining out experience with the Kontakt German-American friendship club Jan. 19 at a Chinese restaurant offering a buffet for only 10.90 Euro person. For more information or to sign up call civ (0160) 655 5976.

Gas pump closure

Due to maintenance, the gas pumps at the Hainerberg Shopette will not be available Jan. 22-26. Customers can pump gas at the Mainz-Kastel Storage Station gas station from 7



a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday. As soon as the maintenance and environmental inspection is completed, the Hainerberg gas pumps will be available.

Volunteers needed

Volunteers are needed for the annual Army Family Action Plan Conference to be held Jan. 31 – Feb. 1 for the Wiesbaden, Dexheim and Mainz military communities. Volunteers are needed as delegates, facilitators, recorders, transcribers and those willing to help set up the local conference. The Wiesbaden Tax Assistance Center also needs volunteer tax preparation assistants. Volunteers will receive free IRS and computer training. To become a volunteer call mil 335-5234 or civ (0611) 408-0234.



Super Bowling party

Wiesbaden and Dexheim Bowling Centers host a Super Bowl party Feb. 4 starting at 10 p.m. Tickets are \$10 per person and include 3 games, shoe rental and meal. Kids are welcome too, including sleeping bags and pillows. Reservations are required. Call mil 335-5238 or civ (0611) 408-0238 for tickets by Feb. 2.

Fitness instructor workshop

The Wiesbaden Fitness Center offers a “Designing Children’s

Fitness Programs” workshop Feb. 22 from 1-4 p.m. The workshop addresses concerns about increasing weight and decreasing activity levels of American children. Participants will receive certification and college credit. Course costs \$65. For more information or to register call 337-5541 or send email to teia.scott@104asg.mwr.army.mil.



Discipline class

The Family Advocacy Program offers a new class, “A Guide to Discipline.” Learn how discipline and parenting go hand-in-hand and how to empower and guide children who will one day be adults with families of their own. Call mil 335-5254 or civ (0611) 408-0254 for more information and to sign up for the class.

Respite care providers needed

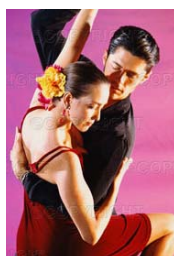
Army Community Service seeks emergency placement care and respite care providers for the Wiesbaden and Dexheim communities. Help make a difference in a child’s life. Call mil 335-5254/5234 or civ (0611) 408-0254/0234 for more information.

MLK Celebration

The Wiesbaden Community EO Team will host a Dr. Martin Luther King celebration Jan. 24 in the Wiesbaden Army Airfield Flyer Theater at 1 p.m. There will be a guest speaker and entertainment. Contact the 1st Armored Division Equal Opportunity Office, mil.: 337-4272 or civ.: 0611 750 4272.

Salsa lessons

The Wiesbaden Fitness Center now offers Salsa lessons. Have a great time while learning the hottest Latin moves. Call mil 337-5541 or civ (0611) 705-5541 for more information.



Indoor swimming

Join the German-American friendship club, Kontakt, for an indoor swimming trip to Rheinhessen Bad in Nieder-Olm Jan. 20. Meeting place will be at the Sudfriedhof in Wiesbaden. Call civ (0160) 655 5976 to sign up or for more information.

COMMUNITY NEWS

NEWS NOTES

Dental assistant class

Learn how to and become a certified dental assistant through the Wiesbaden American Red Cross. Applications are now being accepted for their next Dental Assistant Program which will begin early next year. Applications can be picked up at the Red Cross office in Bldg. 1023E, Room 313. For more information call mil 337-1760 or civ (0611) 705-1760.



DFAC hours

Due to the cancellation of Sergeant's Time, meal times at the Dining Facilities are as follows:

Wiesbaden Army Airfield — Monday through Friday: Breakfast: 7-9 a.m.; Lunch: 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.; Dinner: 4:30-6 p.m.; Weekends: 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Brunch and 5-6:30 p.m. Supper.

Anderson and McCully Barracks— Monday through Friday: Breakfast: 7:30-9 a.m.; Lunch: 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. (Noon to 1:30 p.m. Thursdays in Dexheim only); Dinner: 5-6:30 p.m.; Weekends: Brunch 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.; Supper: 4-

5:30 p.m. at Anderson Barracks and 5-6:30 p.m. at McCully Barracks.

Powder Puff biking club

Wiesbaden and Dexheim Outdoor Recreation hosts an all female biking club. Find a new trail and meet new friends while biking every Sunday with the Powder Puff Bike Club at 10 a.m. For more information call mil 337-5760 or civ (0611) 705-5760 in Wiesbaden, or mil 334-5818, civ (06133) 69-818 in Dexheim.



Christian playgroup

Little Lambs is a Chapel-sponsored, Christian interfaith playgroup designed as an interactive playtime for the parent and child. Little Lambs meet on Tuesdays from 10 – 11:30 a.m. at the Hainerberg Chapel Annex. For more information, call civ (06128) 480-944 or (0611) 724-3858.

Community Bank Hours of Operation

The Community Bank on Wiesbaden Army Airfield will only be open from 1 to 4 p.m. Jan. 24 due to staff training requirements. All ATMs will be available for service.

TAX CENTER OPENING FOR TAX PREPARATION AND FILING

By Chrystal Smith
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Public Affairs Office

Tax season is a highly anticipated part of the year; and its timing could be considered impeccable for those taxpayers who spent major cash during the holidays and are entitled to receive money back.

The Wiesbaden Tax Center opens Jan. 16 and is located on the second floor in Building 1046 next to the barbershop at Wiesbaden Army Airfield. The tax center offers services to all U.S. identifica-

tion card holders by appointment or on a walk-in basis. The Tax Center is open Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday from 9 a.m. to noon p.m.; Thursday from 10 a.m. to noon and every afternoon from 1-5 p.m.

Customers should arrive 15 minutes prior to a scheduled appointment to complete an in-processing sheet, said Ken Littlefield, Tax Center director.

A drop-off service is also available for customers with uncomplicated returns, however, customers who own rental property, pay pension distributions,



have foreign earned income, are a family childcare provider or need to file a form 8832 are not eligible for the drop-off service.

For more information or to make an appointment call mil 337-4755 or civ (0611) 705-4755.

COMMUNITY NEWS

CLEANING SERVICES REDUCED

Installation Management Command has begun an initiative to reduce custodial costs throughout the world. Because of this, all public and special areas throughout U.S. Army Garrison Wiesbaden will notice a change in custodial services.

Affected Public Buildings

WAAF: Bldgs. 1002, 1004, 1006, 1008-1013, 1015-1016, 1021-1024, 1028, 1030-1032, 1034-1035, 1037-1039, 1041, 1043, 1046, 1052, 1057, 1059, 1062, 1212, 1217, 1513, 1526, 1543, 1557-1558, 1638, 1643, 1743, 1757, 1857, 1214A, 1214B

Mainz-Kastel: 4001, 4004, 4008, 4014, 4019, 7513-7514, 7539, 7549

Amelia Earhart Center (except first floor)

Hainerberg: 7748, 7762, 7779

Crestview: 7005

McCully Barracks: 6203, 6206, 6208, 6210, 6241, 6282

Anderson Barracks: 6301, 6309, 6313, 6317, 6320, 6326, 6329, 6331, 6337, 6339, 6341, 6343, 6452, 6460, 6471, 6553

Quintinstr. 4, Mainz: L4201

Affected Special areas

WAAF: 1007, 1019, 1029, 1042, 1541

Hainerberg Chapel Annex

New custodial schedule for:

Public Buildings

Sweep, wet/dry mop & disinfect floors of toilet, shower and locker rooms; soap and hand sanitizer replenishment; paper towel replenishment; toilet tissue replenishment; clean sanitary napkin containers.....daily

Trash removal.....2x week

Clean & disinfect sanitary fixtures; clean and polish sanitary pipes and fittings.....3x week

Vacuuming; carpet stain removal; sweeping, wet/dry mop of hallways and staircases; floor drains, clean walk-off matsweekly

Emergency/special event cleaning.....as needed

Special Areas

Clean sanitary fixtures; spot cleaning; disinfect floors of toilet, shower and locker rooms & sanitary fixtures; clean and polish sanitary pipes and fittings; soap dispenser/bar replenishment; toilet tissue replenishment; paper towel replenishment/replacement; clean sanitary napkin containers; clean walk-off mats.....daily

Trash removal; clean and service sand urns and butt cans; clean drinking fountains.....Mon-Fri

Clean upholstery and furniture.....2x week

Vacuuming; carpet stain removal; sweeping and wet/dry mopping; grounds cleaning and exterior cleaning.....3x week

Low dusting.....monthly

High dusting; interior glass cleaning; exterior window and door glass cleaning; clean radiators.....quarterly

Shampooing carpets; floor maintenance; clean Venetian blinds/roller shades; clean light fixtures.....2x year

Emergency/special event cleaning.....as needed

Visit the USAG Wiesbaden Website at

www.wiesbaden.army.mil

COMMUNITY NEWS

NEWS NOTES

Time off for parents

Dexheim Child and Youth Services is giving parents some "time off" Feb. 10 and May 19. Parents can make reservations and receive hourly care rates at the Dexheim Child Development Center during these times. Reservations must be made by the Wednesday prior and CYS enrollment is required. To sign up, call mil 334-5667 or civ (06133) 69-667.



Dominoes, pool and cards

The Cappuccino Casino in Hainerberg Shopping Center hosts weekly events with cash prizes. Pool tournaments are held the first and third Friday of the month at 7 p.m. Dominoes tournaments are held the second and fourth Friday at 7 p.m. Spades are played the second Saturday at 7 p.m. and a dart tournament is held every first and third Saturday at 7 p.m. For more information call civ (0611) 763-7627.



Local national hire

Local Nationals are eligible for employment with Child and Youth Services as Child and Youth Program Assistants. Full-time employment with CYS includes German insurance as well as paid German and American holidays off. For more information call mil 335-5295 or civ (0611) 408-0295.

Pet food drive

The Wiesbaden Veterinary Treatment Facility is collecting pet foods for donation to the local Tierheim (German Animal Shelter). Only dry foods for cats or dogs can be accepted. Food can be dropped off at the Veterinary Clinic, Building 1038 at Wiesbaden Army Airfield from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday-Wednesday, Friday and from 1-4 p.m. Thursday. For more information call mil 337-6283 or civ (0611) 705-6283. Help support the local shelters.

VFW members wanted

Wiesbaden's Veterans of Foreign Wars holds monthly meetings the second Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. at the Community Activity Center at Wiesbaden Army Airfield. A social meeting takes place from 5-7 p.m. in the Victory Point Bar followed by the regular meeting at 7 p.m. in the upstairs conference room. All VFW members and potential members are welcome. Call civ (0611) 380-8209 for more information.

Preschool and Toddler Story Time

Explore the world with your toddler at the Wiesbaden Army Airfield Community Library with Toddler Story Time every Tuesday from 9:30-10:30 a.m. Advanced registration is required. Preschool Story Time is held every Wednesday at the Dexheim Library at 9:30 a.m. Call mil 337-1740 or civ (0611) 705-1740 for more information.

Stress reduction class

Wiesbaden Fitness Center offers Stress Reduction classes every Friday from 11:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The class offers mediation, guided relaxation and breathing techniques to help create a healthier lifestyle. For more information call mil 337-5541 or civ (0611) 705-5541.

Youth excursions

Throughout the school year, Wiesbaden Child and Youth Services offer excursions and field trips to nearby locations such as Wiesbaden, Mainz, Frankfurt and the Rhine Valley. Rail trips to Cologne, Dusseldorf, Nuremburg and Stuttgart are also available. Parents are encouraged to join their children when traveling by rail. Other activities include hiking, biking, swimming and horseback riding. For more information stop by Youth Services in Bldg. 7884 in Hainerberg Housing.



EDUCATION

High School referee clinic

The Kaiserslautern Officials Association hosts a National Federation of High Schools Officials clinic Feb. 3 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Landstuhl Learning Center, Building 3718. The clinic is free and includes classroom work, NFHS 2007 test and field evaluations. Attendance at the clinic and passing the NFHS test are required to officiate DODDS High School soccer games beginning in March. For more information call Mike Donohue at mil 370-6763 or Gerd Backhaus at mil 484-8244.

Dental assistant class

Learn how to and become a certified dental assistant through the Wiesbaden American Red Cross. Applications are now being accepted for their next Dental Assistant Program which will begin early next year. Applications can be picked up at the Red Cross office in Bldg. 1023E, Room 313. For more information call mil 337-1760 or civ (0611) 705-1760.

Scholarships offered

Applications for the Wiesbaden Community Spouses Club Scholarship Program will be accepted through March 1 for seniors at Wiesbaden High School and spouses and family members continuing their education. Applications can be picked up at the Wiesbaden and Dexheim Education centers, Wiesbaden and Dexheim community libraries, Army Community Service and at the high school.

The Defense Commissary Agency is now accepting applications for the 2007 Scholarship for Military Children Program. Applications are available at www.militaryscholar.org or www.commissaries.com. Students can also stop by their local commissary for more information.

SAT fees

Department of Defense Dependent Schools students taking the Scholastic Aptitude Test do not have to pay an international fee. When taking the test, DoDDS students should enter the code 57792 as the school's testing code to avoid the extra charge. For questions or more information call mil 335-5129 or civ (0611) 408-0129.

Scholarship application workshops

Child and Youth Services offers scholarship application



DoDDS SCHOOL CONTACT NUMBERS

Aukamm Elementary School

civ 0611-705-6261 / mil 337-6261

Dexheim Elementary School

civ 06133- 69876 / mil 334-5876

Hainerberg Elementary School

civ 0611-705-5160 / mil 337-5160

Wiesbaden American Middle School

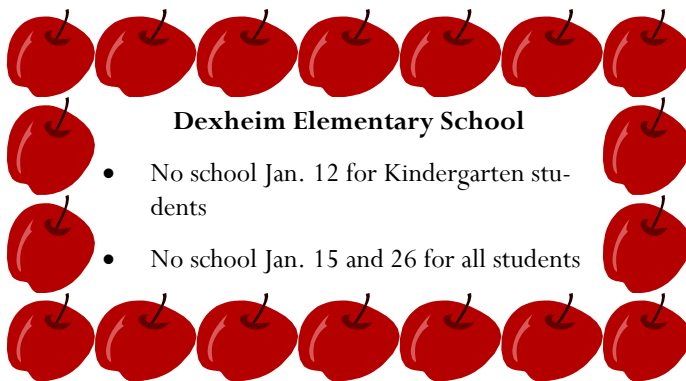
civ 0611-705-6251 / mil 337-6251

General H.H. Arnold High School

civ 0611-705-6319 / mil 337-6319

School Liaison Office

civ 0611-4080-129 / mil 335-5129



Dexheim Elementary School

- No school Jan. 12 for Kindergarten students
- No school Jan. 15 and 26 for all students

assistance from 7-8:30 p.m. Jan. 22 and Feb. 5, 19. Call mil 335-5592 or civ (0611) 408-0592 for more information.

SAT/ACT workshops

Child and Youth Services hosts SAT/ACT workshops for high school juniors and seniors interested in preparing for their SAT/ACT. Workshops are held Jan. 8, 22; Feb. 5, 19 from 7-8:30 p.m at the Middle School Teen Center, Bldg. 7884 in Hainerberg Housing. For more information call mil 335- 5592 or civ (0611) 408-0592.

ARMY COMMUNITY SERVICE

ARMY FAMILY ACTION PLAN

The Army Family Action Plan (AFAP) is input from the people of the Army to Army leadership. It's a process that lets soldiers and families say what's working, and what isn't - AND what they think will fix it. It alerts commanders and Army leaders to areas of concern that need their attention and it gives them the opportunity to quickly put plans into place to work toward resolving the issues.

AFAP symposiums are held annually and draw delegates from various units and agencies throughout the installation. Issues raised at local symposiums are re-

viewed by the delegation and presented to the installation leadership. U.S. Army Garrison Wiesbaden hosts the 2007 Army Family Action Plan conference Jan. 31-Feb. 1.

Without the help of volunteers, the AFAP symposium can not be a success. Volunteers are needed as delegates, facilitators, recorders, transcribers and those willing to help set up the local conference. To become an AFAP volunteer contact Frederica Norman or Vicki Sweet at mil 335-5234 or civ (0611) 408-0234.

AFAP ISSUE FORM

To submit an issue, complete this form and submit it in the box at Wiesbaden or Dexheim ACS.

Please circle your status:

Active Duty

Civilian

Family Member

Retiree

What is your issue?

Scope (Detailed Explanation):

Recommendation (Suggested Solution):

**Army Community Service is in Bldg. 7790 in Hainerberg Housing.
Call mil 335-5234 or civ (0611) 408-0234 for information or to register for workshops.**

YOUTH

CHILD AND YOUTH SERVICES NEWS

Babysitters needed

The Baby Sitter Resource and Referral Program is currently seeking interested youth to provide baby sitting services for families in the Wiesbaden and Dexheim Area. Baby sitter training, which includes the American Red Cross Certification Course, will be offered Jan. 26. For more information or to sign up call CYS Outreach Services or Central Registration Office.

Parent Advisory Councils

Want to make a difference in your community? Would you care to voice your ideas on improving Child and Youth Services? Why not become a member of the Parent Advisory Council? You'll find that there are numerous ways to participate; and volunteering can reduce your child care fees. Ask your child care facility manager how you can become involved today. Meetings for Hainerberg are held the second Thursday of the month at ACS, Bldg. 7790, in room 25 from 3:30-5 p.m. WAAF meetings are held every third Thursday of the month in the training room of Bldg. 1502 from 3:30-5 p.m. and Dexheim's is held the fourth Thursday of the month at the CDC, Bldg. 6471 from 3:30-5 p.m. For more information call mil 335-5592 or civ (0611) 408-0592.

Youth trips

13 Jan. - Experience Wiesbaden's Wild Animal Park and tour the city. Departure is at 10 a.m. from the Middle School Youth Service Building 7884 at 10 a.m. and will return at 6 p.m.

26 Jan. - Out of School Day. Please join the YS as we go skating to Vogelweh.

26 Jan. - European Teen Panel go to Heidelberg for a confer-

ence on Teen Issues.

27 Jan. - Join Youth Services as we support H.H. Arnold High School's Basketball team.

Breakfast is served

Did you know that breakfast is served from 6:30-7:45 a.m. at the Middle School/Teen Center in building 7884 Monday through Friday? The cost is only \$18 and the time it takes to complete a registration packet. Call mil 335-5383 or civ (0611) 408-0383 for more information.

Online search for child care

Child and Youth Service/Family Child Care (FCC) is promoting FCC Online to patrons. This online tool allows patrons to browse through FCC providers' websites and view their homes and programs prior to interviewing. A computer has been set up in the Central Registration Office and patrons can ask CER personnel to log them on. Several providers have completed their websites giving patrons a wide variety of homes to choose from. For information on becoming a FCC Provider contact the Family Child Care Director in Bldg. 7790 in Hainerberg Housing or call mil 335-5329 or civ (0611) 408-0329.

Instructors wanted

CYS is constantly on the look out for different instructional programs to offer children enrolled in CYS. Programs presently offered in Hainerberg include: ballet, tae-kwon-do, piano, and horseback riding.

Anyone interested in offering classes/services through the SKIES program should contact Dan Carter at mil 335-5169 or civ (0611) 408-0169 or Michelle McClelland at mil 335-5132 or mil (0611) 408-0132.



CHAPEL

Catholic Women of the Chapel

The Military Council of Catholic Women, known also as MCCW, meets on the first Thursday of each month from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. at the Hainerberg Chapel conference room. The Thursday evening program begins with the Rosary, followed by fellowship and a faith-focused presentation.

The group also meets on the first Friday of each month from 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. at the Hainerberg Chapel. Mass begins at 9:30 a.m., followed by fellowship and a faith-focused presentation.

Free child care is available for the Friday morning

meeting.

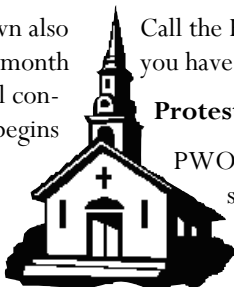
Call the Hainerberg Chapel Office at 0611-408-0248 if you have any questions.

Protestant Women of the Chapel

PWOC invites you for a time of worship, fellowship and Bible study on Tuesday evenings from 6 - 7:30 p.m. and Thursday mornings from 9:30-11 a.m.

All studies are held at the Hainerberg Chapel in the Hainerberg Housing area. Childcare is provided.

For more information call civ (0611) 408-0570.



DEXHEIM

DEXHEIM NEWS NOTES

New hours at ACS

Beginning Jan. 2, the Dexheim Army Community Service will be open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Stress management

The Anger and Stress Management class offered by Dexheim Army Community Service is now held the first Monday of the month at 10 a.m.

Bowling tourney

The Dexheim Bowling Center hosts its first bowling tournament Jan. 20 at 6 p.m. Cost is \$15 and includes shoes, bowling and a meal.

Creativity instructors needed

The Dexheim Community Club is looking for creative talent. Any

one interested in volunteering their time to teach knitting, cake decorating, scrap-booking, invitations, crochet, needlepoint, sewing or other classes should send email to Critzerd@aol.com

DCC meets Jan. 16

The Dexheim Community Club is looking for new members. The next monthly meeting will be held Jan. 16 at 5:30 p.m. at the Dexheim Elementary School followed by a potluck dinner and Bunko. Cost is \$8 for members and \$10 for non members. Reservations are required, call civ (06732) 93 2683 or send email to mle620@yahoo.com.

Those wishing to help set up should contact tiffany-boyd7@hotmail.com.

Jobs offered

Dexheim Child and Youth Services is currently hiring three positions as Child and Youth Program Assistant. For more information call mil 337-5272 or civ (0611) 705-5272.



Daddy 101
Dad's only class to learn the basics for New Born care
Demonstrated Step by Step
Feeding • Handling • Dressing
Diapering • Bonding



DEXHEIM ACS - Wednesday
January 17, 2007
9:30-Noon





Contact the New Parent Education & Support Program at:
06133-69-97959
DSN 334-5716
To register

DEXHEIM

A “MIGHTY MAIN” CHRISTMAS

Submitted by
123rd Main Support Battalion

The 123rd Main Support Battalion of Dexheim, Germany held their annual Mighty Main military ball during the Christmas holidays at the Hilton hotel in Mainz.

“The amount of hours that goes into the preparation and planning for an event such as this is tremendous,” said 1st Lt. Benjamin Lazo, 123rd MSB missile platoon commander.

The S-1 of the battalion, 1st Lt. Gabriela Loyola, along with other officer and enlisted representatives from each company collaborated for more than two months prior to plan this massive event. To ensure success, each company representative was assigned multiple tasks to accomplish.

“Formal events such as these are seen by both the unit and the public, and therefore are held with great importance,” said Lazo.

Lt. Col. Dale Critzer, 123rd MSB commander and Maj. Edwin Torres,



community to see Soldiers in a more elegant setting, they said.

German Mayors and dignitaries from around the Dexheim region were invited. One of the event’s purposes



123rd MSB executive officer, conveyed the importance of this event to the battalion’s leaders. This was a chance for the U.S. military to shine, but it also made it possible for members of the German

was to create a deeper understanding and appreciation for each other’s cultures, Lazo said. It is yet another way in which the Army interacts with its counterparts in the neighboring communities.

“The night was magical and went off without a hitch,” said Lazo. Both Americans and Germans alike enjoyed the evening and its events.

“I enjoyed the slideshow and the overall classiness of the event, things seemed to go very well,”



said Spc. Joseph Neck, 123rd MSB, Delta Company.

Guest speaker Col. Guy C. Beougher, commander of Division Support Command, 1st Armored Division gave a discourse on the US Army’s “greatest generation” of the World War Two era and explained similarities to the current Army generation. “Just as the Pearl Harbor generation fought and stood firm for righteousness and

accomplished many great undertakings, so is this generation,” he said. He felt strongly that this generation would accomplish such things as defeating terrorism, landing on Mars and finding cures for such horrific diseases as cancer and AIDS.

The Ball ran late into the night and included such activities as company led skits, a year-in-review movie produced by Spc. Brandon Holko, 123rd MSB, Bravo Company, dinner, professional pictures and dancing.

“Many hours of effort and planning all came together as the night became an obvious success for the battalion, and we all look forward to December 2007,” said Lazo.

LEISURE TIME

OUTDOOR RECREATION TRIPS AND TOURS

Weekly

Tuesday: Rock Climbing
 Wednesday: Maintenance Clinic
 Thursday: Swimming Trip
 Saturday: Paintball
 Sunday: Biking Club



Call 337-5760 or (0611)
 705-5760 in Wiesbaden

Or

334-5818 or (06133) 69-
 818 in Dexheim for
 more info!

USO TOURS

Tropical Islands - NEW TOUR! — Jan. 12

Amsterdam with one Overnight — Jan. 12-14

Weimar & Buchenwald Concentration Camp — Jan. 20

Riesling Route w/Eric the Red — Jan. 27

Rhein River Cruise — Jan. 28



Tour details

Tropical Islands - Imagine the world's most tempting tropical delights, mysteries, and sandy beaches concentrated under a climate-controlled super-dome, within driving radius from home! Tropical Islands houses a spectrum of recreational, educational, cultural and musical attractions suited to the entire family. Let the kids go native in the Tropical Club, explore a rain forest, inhabit a South Seas village, or play beached castaway for a day. Swimsuit and changes of light clothing are the only survival gear you'll need.

Amsterdam with one Overnight - Amsterdam was the maritime hub of a thriving colonial empire and prides itself today as a showcase of cosmopolitan Europe. Our agenda connects you with the best of Holland's past and present starting with a city orientation in the form of a canal cruise (included). Afterwards, you may explore the city on your own or join us for optional visits to the Rijksmuseum, the Van Gogh Museum, the Heineken brewery, or an

outing to a cheese farm and wooden shoe factory. Our tour guides will provide you tips on city highlights. Feel the vibrant heartbeat of this renowned center of art, history, commerce, and entertainment.

Weimar & Buchenwald Concentration Camp - The city of Weimar dates from 899 A.D. and is the home of remarkable artists such as composer Johann Sebastian Bach and poets Goethe and Schiller. Following a short city bus tour, we visit the Weimar House (famous "sight and sound museum), the Goethe House, and the Schiller House. After lunch we visit infamous Buchenwald Concentration Camp, where approximately 56,000 of a total inmate population of 250,000 died between 1937 and April 1945.

Riesling Route w/Eric the Red - For over 40 years "Eric the Red" has been entertaining Americans in Germany, including JFK Sr. Today Eric take you through his homeland, the vineyards of the Rheingau wine region.

For more local events, visit www.wiesbaden.army.mil